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Two Million Passengers Ride Pacific Surfliner in FY 2003

Pacific Surfliner trains continued record ridership during the past year, including a record “first ever” two million passengers on the route in Amtrak’s fiscal year 2003, which ended September 30.

During the month of August, ridership was up 18.7 percent over the same period last year with 221,941 passengers. In July, ridership was up 32.4 percent over the previous year. And, in fiscal year 2003 more than 2 million passengers rode the trains, an increase of 25 percent over fiscal year 2002 when 1.72 million passengers traveled on *Pacific Surfliner* trains.

The 2 millionth passenger, who was honored in special ceremonies in San Diego, Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, was BMC (SEAL) Robert Roy, Jr., who serves as the Leading Chief Petty Officer for Naval Special Warfare Motivators at the Naval Air Base in Coronado to recruit and screen applicants for the SEAL/s and SWCC programs. He has served as Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command, in the Persian Gulf and Mediterranean Sea aboard the USS Admiral Nimitz and in the Arctic Circle.

Roy travels between San Diego and Los Angeles two or three times a week aboard *Pacific Surfliner* trains to follow his second career as an actor. He has appeared in films including “Pearl Harbor”, “xXx”, “The Gatekeeper”, “The Appointment” and is currently cast in “Afghan Nights” and “Smart Card.” “I really appreciate the no stress environment of traveling on the train and no hassle of traffic jams on freeways. I can read, get coffee and snacks and even watch a movie. I was hooked after my first ride and I’ve ridden the train ever since,” he said.

Amtrak California operates 11 *Pacific Surfliner* roundtrip trains (Monday–Thursday) and 12 roundtrip trains (Friday–Sunday) between San Diego and Los Angeles, with four extending to Santa Barbara and one continuing to San Luis Obispo.

With Rob Roy (center) are (from left) Richard Phelps, General Superintendent for Amtrak’s Southwest Division; Tony Harris, Chief Deputy Director, California Department of Transportation; (Rob Roy); Julianne Nygaard, Chair, LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency; and, Art Brown, Vice Chair, SCRRRA (Metrolink).

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Santa Barbara Car Free Vacation Package

It's easy to travel to Santa Barbara on Amtrak California's *Pacific Surfliner* trains, and once you're there, it's easy to enjoy Santa Barbara without a car.

And with the Santa Barbara Car Free Project's Fall Car Free Vacation Package, which runs through December 30, 2003, you can receive special discounts at 16 hotels



and 11 car free activities as well as a free companion fare coupon good on *Pacific Surfliner* trains. Hotel and train discounts are subject to availability and some restrictions may apply.

Here is how it works: Register for the Car Free Vacation Package at www.santabarbaracarfree.org, by telephone at 805/696-1100

or by mail by sending name and address to Box 60436, Santa Barbara CA 93160.

You will receive a special map and full details of the program and a coupon for free companion fare on the *Pacific Surfliner* train. The informational piece will list the 16 hotels offering discounts when you call to make a reservation and mention Santa Barbara Car Free Vacation Package. When you check-in at the hotel you will receive a CAR FREE-bies gift envelope with discounts at Santa Barbara activities, including bike rentals and bike and kayak tours; whale watching and sailing cruises; historical tours on Old Town Trolley cars; and wine country tours.

The map will show interesting walking tours, bike rides and shuttle tours all within easy reach of the Santa Barbara Amtrak Station. The Station is just two blocks from the waterfront and Stearns Wharf with its shops

and restaurants, and hotels are within easy reach on foot or by bike taxi or regular taxi.

Pacific Surfliner service offers four daily roundtrips (eight trains) between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles (five on weekends) with the four daily trains originating and terminating in San Diego. There is one daily roundtrip between Santa Barbara and the Central Coast with stops at Goleta, Guadalupe, Santa Maria, Grover Beach and San Luis Obispo. Amtrak Thruway Motorcoaches also offer connecting service between Santa Barbara and trains in Los Angeles.

Nestled between the Santa Ynez Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, Santa Barbara boasts crystal-clear air, stunning scenery, palm-lined beaches, distinctive architecture and a colorful history. Travelers can enjoy historic buildings, excellent museums, old theaters, lush parks, botanic gardens and a world-class zoo. The beach and just about everything else is within walking distance of the Amtrak Station.

For schedules, fares and reservations, call 1-800-USA-RAIL or visit Amtrak's Web site at www.amtrak.com.



Photos (left: Bike and Walking Path along Santa Barbara Waterfront, above: Pacific Surfliner train at Santa Barbara Amtrak Station) by Daniel Girard, Santa Barbara Car Free.

New Park N' Ride Facility at Suisun City-Fairfield Station

Parking facilities at the Amtrak Suisun City-Fairfield Station have been greatly expanded to accommodate local residents riding Amtrak trains and using local shuttle transportation.

The new 2 1/2 acre Park N' Ride Lot

adds 183 spaces to serve a total of 265 cars in the attractively landscaped parking area directly across the street from the Amtrak Station. The entrance to the lot is on Lotz Way. Suisun City recently installed traffic signals and crosswalks at Lotz Way and Main Street, making

pedestrian access to and from the train station safer and easier.

Construction of the new, \$591,000 Park N' Ride Lot was funded through the California Department of Transportation's Transit Capital Improvement (TCI) funds.

San Joaquins New Fall Menu

Tasty hot entrees and new snack items are featured in the Fall menu for *San Joaquin* trains. Valley travelers will experience the best dining yet with the following additional menu items. Sit down in the Dining Car or take your meal back to your seat.

Breakfast

Bacon & Onion Quiche with hash browns and fruit cup	\$7.25
California Scramble	\$7.25

New Snack Items

Stouffer's Gardenburger	\$3.25
Stouffer's Cheeseburger	\$4.00
Strawberry Smoothie	\$2.25
Pumpkin & Lemon Scone	\$2.00
With coffee	\$3.00
Sandwich of the Month: Corned beef on rye	\$5.25

Lunch/Dinner

Asian Chicken Salad with dinner roll	\$7.75
Spanish Chicken with corn tamale, rice and green salad . . .	\$8.25
Spaghetti Pie served with Tuscan vegetables, green salad, dinner roll	\$8.25
Virginia Ham with mashed potatoes, green beans, green salad, dinner roll	\$8.25

Rail Safety Week

To raise public awareness of the potential tragic results of trespassing on rail property and unsafe driving at railroad crossings, California Rail Safety Awareness Week was held with media events in Los Angeles, Sacramento, Fresno and San Diego.

Last year, 90 people were killed in the state and another 43 people were injured while trespassing on railroad property, which amounted to 26% of all railroad trespassing incidents and fatalities nationwide. An additional 30 people were killed and 55 injured while driving at railroad crossings, ranking California one of the top three states with the most rail grade crossing deaths.

California Operation Lifesaver, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising public awareness of rail safety issues, joined California Department of Transportation, State Public Utilities Commission, Federal Railroad Administration, freight and passenger railroads and local jurisdictions to sponsor the week-long activities.

Capitol Connection

Amtrak Thruway Motorcoach service now stops at the State Capitol to permit an early start to your business or pleasure trip to Sacramento. The morning connection from *San Joaquin* train 711 arrives at 9:50 a.m., giving plenty of time to visit government offices for business, or start tours of the Capitol and nearby museums. When you board the Motorcoach in Stockton, just tell the driver that you'd like to get off at the Capitol stop.

You can usually finish your business or touring in time to catch late afternoon *San Joaquin* train 704, departing directly from Sacramento at 4:25 p.m. to San Joaquin Valley points. Need extra time? Train 718's Thruway Motorcoach connection leaves the Sacramento Station at 6:30 p.m. After dinner or a snack on the train, you arrive back home relaxed and refreshed because you used Amtrak for your one-day trip to Sacramento.

You can also ride any of the other three Thruway Motorcoaches from *San Joaquin* trains to the State Capitol bus stop. The stop at 10th and N Streets is convenient for the Convention Center, downtown hotels and Light Rail connections. Only northbound buses arriving in Sacramento serve this stop. Southbound passengers must catch their train or Motorcoach at the Sacramento Amtrak Station, 401 I Street at 5th Street.



Photo by A. J. Felden.

Ride *San Joaquin* Trains to the Game with Oakland Raiders Legends

Here is the best way to get to an Oakland Raiders Sunday afternoon home football game at the Oakland Coliseum. Take Amtrak California's *San Joaquin* train.

You'll have a relaxed and fun filled ride to and from the game. And you'll meet and talk football with an Oakland Raiders Legend player who will ride the train from Modesto or Stockton to meet passengers and sign autographs.

Raiders Legends who will ride the train for remaining Raiders Sunday afternoon home games include Otis Sistrunk, who will board the train in Stockton for the game on November 9; Ted Kwalick, who will ride the train from Modesto on November 16; Art Thoms, who will board the train in Stockton on November 30; and, Clarence Davis, traveling from Modesto on December 14.

Raiders fans may board the train at any station along the *San Joaquin* route to ride with the Legends, including Bakersfield, Wasco, Corcoran, Hanford, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Turlock/Denair, Modesto, Stockton, Antioch, Martinez, Richmond and Emeryville.

And if you're not going to the Raiders game, but still want to meet the Legends, come to the Amtrak Station. The Legends will meet fans and sign autographs at the Modesto Amtrak Station, Held Drive & Briggsmore Avenue, from 7:30 a.m. until the train departs on November 16 and December 14, and from the Stockton Amtrak Station, 735 South San Joaquin Street from 8:00 a.m. until the train departs on November 9 and 30.

At the Oakland Jack London Station, special Amtrak Thruway Motorcoaches take passengers directly to the Coliseum and return them to the train at the end of the game.

Poster for the Oakland Raiders game featuring an Amtrak train and a schedule of games. The poster includes the following schedule:

Game	Time
Sunday September 7 Raiders vs. Titans	5:00 p.m. (ET/PT)
Sunday September 14 Raiders vs. Bengals	3:25 p.m. (ET/PT)
Sunday September 22 Raiders vs. Browns	5:00 p.m.
Sunday September 29 Raiders vs. Chargers	3:25 p.m. (ET/PT)
Sunday October 6 Raiders vs. Bills	10:00 a.m.
Sunday October 13 Raiders vs. Browns	10:00 a.m.
Sunday October 20 Raiders vs. Chiefs	6:00 p.m.
Sunday October 26 Raiders vs. Vikings	10:00 a.m.
Sunday November 3 Raiders vs. Lions	10:00 a.m.
Sunday November 9 Raiders vs. Jets	3:25 p.m. (ET/PT)
Sunday November 16 Raiders vs. Vikings	3:25 p.m. (ET/PT)
Sunday November 23 Raiders vs. Chiefs	3:25 p.m.
Sunday November 30 Raiders vs. Browns	3:25 p.m. (ET/PT)
Sunday December 7 Raiders vs. Steelers	10:00 a.m.
Sunday December 14 Raiders vs. Browns	3:00 p.m. (ET/PT)
Sunday December 21 Raiders vs. Packers	6:00 p.m.
Sunday December 28 Raiders vs. Chargers	3:25 p.m.

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Ride San Joaquin trains to a game with a Raiders Legend and you can receive an autographed copy of this poster.



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